IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| n re Application of: | |
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| Frédéric FORTIN et al. | Group Art Unit: 3733 |
| Application No.: 10/760,075 |) Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W. |
| Filed: January 18, 2004 | |
| For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING DEVICE | Confirmation No.: 1916 |
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of April 18, 2008. A fee of \$1.110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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